

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROJECTS FROM ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government is going ahead with the Mahendratanaaya project in violation of the agreement with Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the work done by Andhra Pradesh in the project so far; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to make a consensus between the party States to resolve the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Mahendratanaaya river is a tributary of Vamsadhara River which is an inter-state river. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that it is taking up the Mahendratanaaya project to utilize its share of the waters in Vamsadhara basin to cater to its needs. It has further informed that the utilization of waters from the Mahendratanaaya river (which is a tributary of Vamsadhara river) for the project proposed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh is within its rightful share of 52.50 TMC of the Vamsadhara basin and this is not in violation of any agreement with Orissa. The Government of Orissa has requested to Government of Andhra Pradesh for a joint inspection of the project by the technical officers of both the States.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted Preliminary Report of Mahendratanaaya Project to Central Water Commission on 15.4.2008 for seeking 'in principle consent'. While examining various aspects of the project, the Central Water Commission also examines the inter-state aspects of the project as per guidelines for appraisal of irrigation projects.